MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
28 October, 1976

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10:00 *CONVENE, 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.*

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
28 October, 1976

The meeting convened at 10:15 a.m. in the Commission of Fine Arts offices at 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Members Present:	*Hon. J. Carter Brown, Chairman*
	Hon. Victorine du Pont Homsey
	Hon. Eli S. Jacobs
	Hon. Frederick D. Nichols
	Hon. Kevin Roche
	Hon. Edward D. Stone, Jr.
	Hon. George A. Weymouth
Staff Present:	*Mr. Charles H. Atherton, Secretary*
	Mr. Donald B. Myer, Assistant Secretary
	Miss Lynda L. Brown
	Mr. Jeffrey R. Carson
	Mr. J. L. Sibley Jennings, Jr.
	Mrs. Sue A. Kohler
	Mrs. Nancy N. Lusher
National Capital Planning Commission Staff Present:	*Mr. Robert Gresham*

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. Dates of next meetings, approved as: 23 November, 1976
21 December, 1976

(Both are Tuesdays.)

B. Minutes of September 1976 meeting, approved.

C. Demolition in 2000 Block of I Street, N.W. - Report. The Secretary reported on the partial demolition of a house in this block, which contains one Category III Landmark (2030 I Street) and which, as a block, will be presented to the Joint Committee on Landmarks in November for designation as a Historic Landmark. He explained that an injunction had been obtained by an activist group to halt the demolition and a court hearing had been scheduled early in November. The Commission wished to go on record as approving the landmark status for the block.

D. Pageant of Peace Christmas Display, Ellipse - Report. The Secretary related that the Park Service had submitted plans to the staff for this annual event and said they planned to use the White House stage again. While the Commission had no objection to using the stage this year, the Chairman expressed the hope that in the future

something could be designed especially for this event; he also hoped that for this year's pageant the use of additional, unattractive material around the stage - signs, large plastic candles, etc. - could be avoided, and asked that the staff keep in close touch with the Park Service as these decisions were being formulated.

II. SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS

A. D.C. Government, Department of Economic Development

Old Georgetown Act

1. OG 77-5, 3231 Prospect Street, N.W., New Residential, Retail, and Office Complex - Preliminary Designs, Resubmission. The Secretary told the members that final approval of this project hinged on the Commission's reaction to the architect's latest attempt to keep the visual cornice line along Prospect Street at forty feet. He explained that the Georgetown Board had already seen and approved this revision which showed the top story set back five feet and the cornice line marked with a heavy handrail. Philip Tobey, representing Metcalf and Associates, the architects, pointed out that the cornice line had gone from 60'8" as originally presented down to 45'8", as shown in the new drawings.

Mr. Loren Kieve, representing the residents in the area, spoke next and noted, first, that the neighbors had not been told about this project until approximately a week before this meeting. He then observed that the purpose of the Old Georgetown Act is to preserve the historic character of Georgetown, and that height is a major factor to consider in attaining this goal. He said that twenty-seven feet is the approximate height of the highest structure in the surrounding residential area and suggested thirty feet as the maximum for this new development.

Mr. Grosvenor Chapman, architect, representing the Neighborhood Advisory Commission, noted that the actual cornice line shown on the drawings was a story higher than the point referred to by the architects as the cornice line. He asked that the Commission resolve this problem of height by stating that no building north of M Street could be higher than forty feet, and nothing south of M Street higher than sixty feet. The architect replied that he believed they had complied with the Commission's directive to lower the visual cornice line to forty feet. Mr. Nichols and Mr. Weymouth, however, tended to agree with Mr. Chapman.

In answer to a question from Mr. Nichols on the possibility of placing the lower commercial units on Prospect Street and the higher residential unit on Wisconsin Avenue, Mr. Charles Greenwald, representing the developers, replied that Wisconsin Avenue is a commercial

street and not as desirable for residential use; he also noted that keeping the apartment unit on Prospect Street would preserve the residential character of that street and not interject a commercial use.

The Chairman commented that while it was evident that an effort had been made, he was not sure the architects had really succeeded in getting the height down to essentially forty feet; he added that keeping this low, residential scale was really the most important issue here. He said this would be a hard decision for the Commission to make because of the obviously high quality of the architecture. Mr. Stone asked if a decision on this building would set a precedent, and the Secretary replied that he did not think so because the C2 zoning on this side of Prospect Street was unique and established only because of the garage already there. Mr. Chapman, however, mentioned several other situations in Georgetown which he considered potentially similar.

Mr. Roche asked the architects why the total height of the building could not be limited to forty feet; he was told that they would then have to fill the entire site.

The Chairman said that much of the open space could be built on and that lowering the height should be the primary goal.

Mr. Chapman said the statements made by the developer and his architects were incorrect and that a four-story building would not have to fill all the open space.

In conclusion, the Chairman said the Commission was unhappy with the height and would like to see a solution showing a true forty-foot limit along Prospect Street, even if some of the open space had to be sacrificed. The D.C. Government was advised, "Do not issue permit."

2. OG 77-6, 3125 M Street, N.W., Remodeling of Existing Building to Restaurant. The Assistant Secretary explained that this submission was for the addition of a second story to a one-story building which is to be converted for use as a restaurant. He said two previous versions had been rejected by the Georgetown Board, and the members were not yet satisfied with a third, improved version because of problems with the roof treatment and, especially, with scale. Ms. Ayse Guldu, representing the architect, asked the Commission for any additional comments. The Chairman said that the Commission agreed with the Georgetown Board's recommendations and suggested the architects proceed in that direction. The D.C. Government was advised, "Do not issue permit."

3. OG 77-7, 1024 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Addition to Existing Apartment Building, Cherry Hill - Resubmission. The Assistant Secretary reviewed this project, previously submitted, and showed the members a model of the original proposal as well as one showing a completely new design. He said the Georgetown Board had given preliminary approval to the new version pending approval by the Commission. Mr. Peter Schwartz, representing the developer, was introduced and explained that after hearing the Commission's comments in September the owners realized their proposal was not satisfactory in relation to the site and surrounding small houses and subsequently hired a new architect. The architect, Mr. Arthur Cotton Moore, then explained his solution, saying the basic problem was to mediate between the two scales in the area - the small Cherry Hill townhouses and the large Dodge Center building. He felt he had accomplished this by planning a building three stories high facing the small houses and five stories towards Dodge Center. Oblique setbacks on the Dodge Center facade would avoid a direct view into Dodge Center and might even give the residents a glimpse of the river. The members were pleased with the solution and gave this preliminary version their approval, providing that plans be submitted to the Georgetown Board as the design progresses and materials are selected. The D.C. Government was advised, "Do not issue permit."

4. OG 77-8, 1049 30th Street, N.W., New Hotel, Residential, Office, and Retail Development - Preliminary Designs, Resubmission. The Assistant Secretary reminded the members that when they saw this in September they asked for further study of both buildings, but particularly of the "Georgian" inn. He said that the Georgetown Board was still not satisfied with the revised version of the inn. He introduced Mr. Robert E. Morrison, the owner, and Mr. Peter Vercelli, the architect, who were presenting new material not yet seen by the staff or the Georgetown Board. Mr. Vercelli showed the members various designs he had developed for the traditional inn, pointing out the changes that had been made in fenestration, size of roof, entrance, and design of chimneys. Then he showed drawings of the contemporary building, which had also been redesigned. The top three floors, instead of two, would now be for residential use. Mr. Vercelli noted that he had pushed the building as far into the ground as possible and had introduced setbacks on the interior court elevation so that the structure would be almost invisible from 30th Street. He said the most important aspect of the contemporary building would be from the interior court, while the inn's most important facades would be on 30th Street and the Canal.

Mr. Nichols then told the members he had consulted with both the architect and members of the staff regarding the design of the inn, and his feeling and that of the staff was that Mr. Vercelli should go back to his original three story and dormer scheme, with modifications, and develop the facade proportions and detail so as to produce a bolder,

more appropriate design. It was suggested that Mr. Vercelli check with the staff as he develops his design.

Mr. Chapman commented on the project by saying that it lacked unity, that as far as the design was concerned the two buildings represented both ends of the spectrum. He thought the contemporary building too brutally modern for Georgetown and detrimental to the small houses on 29th and 30th Streets. Mr. Vercelli granted that scale was a problem because of the very small size of the houses. Mr. Roche thought the contemporary building was very handsome and felt the drawings made it appear more bold than it actually was. The members all agreed they needed to see a scale model of both buildings and the existing structures in the area. There was no action taken as this was presented for information only.

5. Appendix 1, approved.

Shipstead-Luce Act

1. SL 77-3, 515 15th Street, N.W., Hotel Washington Sign. The Assistant Secretary showed photographs of the present sign and the proposed replacement. He said the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation had asked the hotel for a new sign at the Pennsylvania Avenue entrance and for restoration of the masonry when the sign is removed. The new sign, small and inconspicuous, was unanimously approved.

2. SL 77-5, 5196 27th Street, N.W., New Single-Family Dwelling - Resubmission. Mr. Carson showed the members a topographical map and site plan, which they had requested when they saw the project at the September meeting. He also showed a model which clarified the height and proximity of the three proposed houses as well as the grade changes on the site. As the model did not include the existing houses on adjacent lots, Mr. Carson had added rough cardboard models so that the relation of the houses planned to those existing could be seen.

The builder, Mr. Charles Covell, and the architect, Mr. William G. Shoemaker, were present. Mr. Covell pointed out that the lot occupancy was far below that permitted and said the land and trees would remain essentially as they are, one house having been redesigned in order to save a large beech tree. He introduced Mr. Donald Jackson, a tree expert, who said all important trees on the site would be saved and special care would be taken during construction. Mr. Covell commented that the problems which had arisen in regard to this development had been caused by the siting of the existing houses, not by his site planning.

The Commission members felt a site inspection was necessary, and

on inspecting the site came to the conclusion that they could not accept three houses on the property, but would prefer two, or a cluster, which would require that a new zoning ordinance be investigated.

3. Appendix 2, approved.

B. D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development

Historic Subdivisions

Appendix 3, approved.

C. U.S. Postal Service

Bridge Conveyors and Facade Repairs, Old City Post Office. The Assistant Secretary explained that because of the conversion of Union Station to a visitors' center and the placement of the railroad station to the rear, a new conveyor would be needed to connect the post office with the rail facility. He introduced Mr. William Ensign, the architect, who gave the history of the project, showing that a bridge in a more conspicuous location had been part of the original design, and that another bridge had been substituted for it at the time of a previous expansion. He showed drawings of the proposed structure and said that in designing it he had tried to minimize its impact on the old Beaux Arts post office. The bridge would be of simple truss construction and the use of glass would lend it transparency. The facade of the building would be restored to its original appearance at the point where the old conveyor bridge entered. The Assistant Secretary noted that the Landmarks Committee did not think the new bridge would have an adverse effect on the building, and the Commission members concurred, approving the design unanimously.

EXHIBIT A

D. National Capital Planning Commission

National Institutes of Health, Signage and Graphics. The Assistant Secretary showed the members photographs of the proposed signs, which are similar to those previously approved for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. He noted that this project had been referred to the Commission of Fine Arts by the National Capital Planning Commission. The signs would be of white fiberglass with black letters, illuminated externally. There was some question as to the necessity of using the seal, and the Chairman suggested its appearance might be improved if it were tinted a light grey. Mr. Weymouth objected to the size and cube-like appearance of the large signs and thought they might be opened up underneath; but the Chairman thought that given the great expanse of ground and large buildings at the National Institutes of Health the signs were not oversized, and trying to open them up at ground level might just make them more complicated.

The members asked that they see a mock-up and material samples before approving the project. EXHIBIT B

III. INSPECTIONS

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. and the members went to the Freer Gallery to view a number of acquisitions. Afterwards they inspected the site for the new houses at 5196 27th Street, N.W.

Signed,

Charles H. Atherton

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

10 November, 1976

Dear Mr. Hellmann:

The Commission of Fine Arts reviewed designs for a conveyor bridge between the City Post Office at North Capitol Street and Massachusetts Avenue and Union Station during its meeting on October 28, 1976.

In approving this submission, the Commission understands that the project will include careful restoration of the east wall of the Post Office in those locations where previous bridges existed. We also urge that a minimum of architectural disruption to the existing facade occur at the location of the new conveyor. As the working drawings and material selections are developed for this project, the Commission and its staff will be happy to give it further review.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

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Exhibit A

10 November, 1976

Dear David,

The Commission of Fine Arts reviewed signs and graphics designs for the National Institutes of Health in response to the request by the National Capital Planning Commission. We are encouraged by efforts at upgrading the graphics and street furniture on this important campus. We feel that the graphics and sign structures being proposed are a step in the right direction, and approve them as a concept. Our hope is that they can be a part of a broader sign consolidation and street furniture design program throughout the campus.

The exterior material finish of the proposed signs can have a substantial effect on the overall visual success of the program, as can the avoidance of overburdening the units with graphic elements, such as a seal carrying equal visual weight with the wording. The Commission feels that it would be desirable to have an actual mockup of the sign panel being proposed. This will insure that the colors, the printing techniques, and the exact finish will be suitable for this important federal installation. We therefore request the opportunity to review an actual fiberglass sign panel prior to final approval of this project.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Hon. David M. Childs
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National Capital Planning Commission
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JCB/DBM:nl

From: Jeffrey Carson on behalf of
The Commission of Fine Arts
Date: 16 November, 1976
Subject: 2000 Block of I Street

Statement of Applicant

The Commission of Fine Arts endorses the Historic Landmark application for the 2000 block of I Street, N.W. It cites as precedent the south side of the 800 block of F Street which recently received similar landmark status.

In a public meeting held May 20th of this year, the Commission of Fine Arts recognized the aesthetic and historic values of the block and recommended that the buildings be awarded the protection of Landmark status; in addition to the present nature of these buildings, they could be readily adapted to alternate uses should that need arise in the future.

This recommendation was affirmed during the meeting on October 28 when Commission member Frederick D. Nichols, professor of architectural history at the University of Virginia, stated that retention of the block would be important to the scale of the adjacent parks and the landmark buildings fronting I Street north of Pennsylvania Avenue.

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

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8 June, 1976

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Commission of Fine Arts, at its meeting on May 20, 1976, considered H.R. 13546, a bill to authorize the erection of a sculpture entitled "Delta Solar" on public grounds in the District of Columbia.

The Commission has no objection to this legislation.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised they have no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Hon. Wayne L. Hays
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REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE OLD GEORGETOWN ACT

28 October, 1976

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
OG 76-220	3125 M Street, N.W. Hamburger Hamlets, Inc.	Remodel existing building to restaurant.

ACTION: Do not issue permit. Recommend total restudy of facade treatments to increase authenticity and simplicity in keeping with exact Georgetown precedent. Use of elaborate facade details on side wall in commercial area is neither authentic nor recommended in this case. Use of artificial glass gable roof with dormers is neither authentic nor recommended in this case. Sun control would be achieved in historic district either by awnings or shutters, not both. Shutters are preferred. Exact relationship between proposed building and adjacent buildings to the east and across alley to the west is mandatory for reviewing proposed design. Exact window muntin trim and cornice details will be reviewed prior to final approval. No objection to use of stucco on facade, but do indicate where stucco will end on the side elevation. Signs shall be limited to 25 square feet, and shall not be internally illuminated plastic. No objection to raising the cornice height of this building to a total of two floors. 9/22/76

221	1335 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Le Papillon, Inc.	Canvas canopy.

ACTION: Do not issue permit. None of the proposed awning materials, designs, colors, configurations, are suitable for use on this building. Design for sidewalk cafe installation was approved by this Commission predicated on retention of existing metal awning with its metal trim and matching the metal trim of the existing awning in the design of proposed new light fixtures. Design was also approved based on use of umbrella tables and not any type of awning enclosure. 9/22/76

222	1024 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Cherry Hill Associates	Addition to existing apartment building (resubmission refer to OG 76-214).

ACTION: Do not issue permit. Recommend additional preliminary study along those lines submitted which reduce the cornice height along Cherry Hill to about 20 feet. Moving the facade along Cherry Hill several feet to the south would lessen the impact of the new construction on the existing historic buildings of Cherry Hill. Landscape or fence and planting may additionally reduce the scale of the new construction and minimize its impact while easing the transition to adjacent Dodge Center. 9/22/76

223	3035 Cambridge Place, N.W. L. H. Shor	Interior repair, exterior paint, porch removal and construction of new front stairs.

ACTION: Do not issue permit prior to approval of drawings for new stoop. No objection to removal of front porch. Design submitted is not recommended on aesthetic grounds and will not blend with similar conversions on block. Restudy stoop design to match adjacent houses. 10/14/76

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE OLD GEORGETOWN ACT

28 October, 1976

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
OG 76-		
224	1335 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. En Pied du Cochon	Prefabricated walk-in refrigeration addition by Harford Walk-In Refrigeration Company.
ACTION:	Returned for clear, accurate scale drawings showing precisely what is being applied for and what is visible from public space. 10/13/76	
225	1312 33rd Street, N.W. Charles U. Daly	Enclose end wall by removing two existing windows; add deck and railing.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 10/7/76	
226	1211 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Monolith Enterprises, Inc.	Sign etched onto storefront window, 1'0" x 3'6".
ACTION:	Issue permit. 10/7/76	
OG 77-		
1	3125 M Street, N.W. Hamburger Hamlets, Inc.	Remodel existing building to restaurant (resubmission refer to OG 76-220).
ACTION:	Do not issue permit until further study has been submitted and approved. Recommend plain brick side wall facing alley without cornice line or roof feature. Recommend simplification of M Street facade and elimination of dormer windows. Further submissions should include accurate scale details of proposed new sash and cornice moldings. 10/7/76	
2	3610 O Street, N.W. Georgetown University	Remove two small windows in east wall and install one large window with divided lights.
ACTION:	Returned for further information. Request photos showing area where new window is proposed and where two existing windows are to be blocked. Request elevation drawing indicating precisely what type of window is being proposed for dining room. 10/7/76	
3	1050 29th Street, N.W. Frank H. Benson, Emil A. Audette	Demolition of coal shed to be replaced by multi-story commercial/residential structure.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 10/20/76	
4	3401 K Street, N.W. Whitehurst Associates	Install rooftop air conditioning unit in same screen as unit installed under previous submission, OG 76-200.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 10/12/76	

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE OLD GEORGETOWN ACT

28 October, 1976

NO.	*ADDRESS AND OWNER*	*PROJECT*
OG 77-9	*3610 O Street, N.W.* *Georgetown University*	*Remove two old windows and install one large unit (re-submission refer to OG 77-2).*
ACTION:	*Issue permit. 10/20/76*	
10	*3330 Reservoir Road, N.W.* *Dr. & Mrs. Javier Sagarminaga*	*Provide new entrance foyer and powder room for existing residence.*
ACTION:	*Do not issue permit. The irregularly-shaped roof and floor plan of the proposed addition is not well-suited to this particular residence. If the proposed addition is highly desirable, recommend additional studies of a much simpler design. 10/20/76*	
11	*2808 Olive Street, N.W.* *Olive Street Partnership*	*Curb cut for existing driveway.*
ACTION:	*Approved provided brick sidewalk is retained and no trees are removed. 10/26/76*	

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT

28 October, 1976

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
SL 76-65	515 15th Street, N.W. Gal-Tex Hotel Corporation	Remove decaying wood windows and replace with aluminum double-hung sash in acrylic bronze finish.

ACTION: Issue permit. Window replacement is approved provided that the trim sections be kept to a minimum thickness and that existing aluminum-colored and wood trim which will be incorporated into the refenestration be painted to match the bronze color of the new materials. 9/20/76

67	505 2nd Street, N.E. David Hayden	Install areaway and steps to basement.

ACTION: Issue permit. Suggest that areaway retaining wall coping and trim be brick. 9/29/76

73	5196 27th Street, N.W. Covell Builders, Inc.	Erect new one-family, three-story dwelling.

ACTION: Returned for additional information on precise topographical and landscape features. The location and potential impact of the proposed construction must be carefully assessed as to its impact on the adjacent community and the edge of Rock Creek Park. Proper height restraint, drainage, and respect for existing landscape elements will be critical to the public interest in this vicinity. The Commission of Fine Arts expects to make an inspection trip to the site in the near future. On the basis of this inspection and the additional information requested, we will be able to advise the District Government on the appropriateness of the design. 9/20/76

74	800 Maine Avenue, S.W. Marriott Corporation	Addition of new solar energy system.

ACTION: No objection to concept of adding solar collectors to the roof of this building. Additional study incorporating the proposed equipment in a matching roof structure will make this demonstration project successful not only from the energy conservation point of view, but also from the point of view of successfully integrating this type of equipment into architectural design. Request revised design. 9/20/76

75	223 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E. Jenkins Hill, Inc.	Second floor addition on rear.

ACTION: Issue permit. Paint new work to match existing. 9/29/76

78	3636 16th Street, N.W. Rock Creek Plaza, Inc.	Construct six apartments.

ACTION: Issue permit. Match new work to existing colors is possible. 10/12/76

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON HISTORIC SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

28 October, 1976

NO.	SQUARE, LOT, ADDRESS AND OWNER	DESCRIPTION
HS 77-		
4	Square 1203, lots 39, 40, 41 35th & M Streets, N.W. Louise Ansberry	Subdivide three lots into two.
ACTION:	The Commission of Fine Arts has no objection to the proposed Historic Subdivision No. 4 in Square 1203, at the northwest corner of 35th and M Streets, N.W. We would like to note at this time our probable objection to the construction of any building exceeding forty (40) feet in height measured from the midpoint of the lot fronting on 35th Street. 35th Street is residential in scale, and M Street has a small residential scale immediately east and west of 35th Street. Any new construction on the northwest corner of 35th and M Streets should conform to this scale. 10/20/76	
5	Square 1255, lots 183, 184 1530-32 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Georgetown Club	Combination of Assessment and Taxation Lots 824 and 825 into one lot as required to permit an addition to existing building.
ACTION:	No objection. 9/29/76	
6	Square 1195, lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 13, 15, 29, and part of closed 28th Street 2800 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Benjamin R. Jacobs	Subdivision into two lots preliminary to submitting plans for a residential and commercial building.
ACTION:	No objection. 9/28/76	
9	Square 1229, lot 832 1312 33rd Street, N.W. Charles U. Daly	Conversion of Assessment and Taxation Lot 832 into a record lot preliminary to submitting plans for an addition to existing building.
ACTION:	No objection. 10/26/76	
10	Square 788, Original Lot 8 122 3rd Street, S.E. Philip C. Froeder	Conversion of Assessment and Taxation Lot 807 into a record lot preliminary to submitting plans for an addition and alterations to existing building.
ACTION:	No objection. 10/26/76	
11	Square 1207, lot 91 1218 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Bernard D. Gibbons	Conversion of Assessment and Taxation Lots 848 and 902 into a record lot to comply with regulations to allow a rear addition to the existing restaurant.
ACTION:	No objection. 10/26/76	

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE OLD GEORGETOWN ACT

28 October, 1976

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
OG 76-202	3000 M Street, N.W. Gus Levathes	Construction of hotel, office, and commercial building (resubmission refer to OG 76-165).

ACTION: Use of Pella window product approved. Submit full and complete working drawings prior to issuance of final permit. 9/20/76

210	1049 30th Street, N.W. Robert E. Morrison	New hotel, office, retail, residential multi-story structure.

ACTION: Do not issue permit. No objection ot general technique of massing contemporary and traditional structures together in same project. Further information is required to determine fully the impact of the design of the larger contemporary structure. The design of the inn, however, appears to be moving in the direction of a period of architecture which was not indigenous to Georgetown. The Commission suggests that if traditional details are to be used that they be authenitc to the history and indigenous architecture of Georgetown. Since this building is in the proximity of late 18th and 19th century vernacular residential townhouses and the industrial Duvall Foundry, and is in an urban setting, the proposed late 17th and early 18th century country manor approach with the great swooping roof may not be appropriate in this location. Further study is recommended. The Commission, the Georgetown Board, and the staff will be glad to assist in the project development. 9/20/76

212	3231 Prospect Street, N.W. National Dairy Produce Corporation	Construct new building for commercial, residential, and office use.

ACTION: Do not issue permit. Preliminary design and massing are moving in the right direction. Recommend additional study to emphasize the 40-foot cornice height line on Prospect Street. 9/20/76

213	3255 Grace Street, N.W. The Powerhouse Company	Rehabilitate existing one-story and mezzanine structure.

ACTION: Issue permit. Recommend that portion of chimney above roofline be removed. 9/20/76

214	1024 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Cherry Hill Associates	Cut opening from existing building to new addition in rear of building.

ACTION: Do not issue permit as proposed new construction would have an adverse impact on the very narrow Cherry Hill streets and tiny-scale rowhouses. Recommend restudy retaining more of the open space and diminishing the mass along the alleyway substantially. The alternative of retaining the open space would be that most in the public interest. 9/20/76

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE OLD GEORGETOWN ACT

28 October, 1976

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
OG 76-215	1054 31st Street, N.W. Richard Bernstein	Alterations of interior partitions.

ACTION: Do not issue permit. Returned for additional information. Indicate exact location of proposed changes from 31st Street. Question visibility of interior elements and lighting from 31st Street in both the waiting room and the attendant's area. 9/9/76

216	3112 M Street, N.W. Richard Bernstein	Alteration - interior partitions.

ACTION: Issue permit. 9/9/76

217	1079 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. BFM Catering Company	Exterior walls and underground stair, dumbwaiter, interior toilets and finishes.

ACTION: Issue permit. Brick size, coursing, and color shall match existing rear facade. In addition to this, it is recommended that suitable fencing and screening be erected to conceal the trash and utility functions of this business. 9/22/76

218	1054 31st Street, N.W. Richard Bernstein	Alteration - interior partitions (resubmission refer to OG 76-215).

ACTION: Issue permit. No objection to proposed alterations. Recommend that attention be given to ceiling finishes, illumination, and concentrations of potential vending machines or other waiting room items. To minimize the adverse impact on the project area, minimizing visual impact from 31st Street sidewalk is highly desirable. 9/22/76

219	1320 30th Street, N.W. H. Hugh Heclo	Replace stockade fence with new brick wall to match brick of house; extend existing 3'6" high brick and iron fence to match existing at south side of house, and build new second floor bay window above existing bay at rear.

ACTION: Issue permit. Fence, brick wall, materials, and bay window approved. 9/22/76